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EXAMINER


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 Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Devon C Kramer	3683	

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-9 and 17-20 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 10-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1) Applicant's election without traverse of group II in a telephone conversation examiner Len Tren had with Mr. Doug Pavelko on 1/21/05 is acknowledged.

Claims 1-9 and 16-20 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected group, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the phone conversation on 1/21/05.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2) The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3) Claims 10-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Weiler et al (5472068).

In re claim 10, Weiler et al provides a cast brake caliper (abstract) for a disc brake assembly including: a cast brake caliper having an inboard leg portion and an outboard leg portion (figure 2) which are interconnected by and intermediate bridge portion (4), the caliper having a pair of location surfaces (3) provided on the inboard leg portion and a locating surface (8) provided on the outboard leg portion; the locating surfaces are integrally formed by a core member of a casting apparatus during the

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casting of the caliper. Please note that it is inherent that the member of Weiler's caliper are integrally formed.

IN re claim 11, please note that a number of portions of Weiler can be considered a locating surface, for example the portion which allows item (8) to seat is a recess.

Applicant should further define what is meant by a location surface.

In re claim 12, please note that the location surfaces on the inboard leg are flat.

IN re claim 13, see figure 1.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4) The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5) Claims 14 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Weiler et al (5472068) in view of Kobayashi et al (5518062).

Weiler et al is silent to the type of mold used to cast the caliper.

Kobayashi et al teaches different molds used to cast brakes.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have made the cast caliper of Weiler et al by either a vertical or horizontal mold as taught by Kobayashi et al depending on the orientation of the parts to be cast and the difficulty of forming the mold.

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Conclusion


6) The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Weiler et al '228, Rogers et al, Kobayashi et al ('368, '815, '795), Schorn et al, and Girkin et al all teach casting caliper parts.

7) Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Devon C Kramer whose telephone number is 703-305-0839. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8-4.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles Marmor can be reached on 703-308-0830. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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